

THE SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
of the
PRESIDENT OF THE PEABODY COMMUNITY HOUSE

Members and Friends of the Peabody Community House:-

We have completed our first year of service. I am very happy to say that it has been a success from the start. The splendid co-operation of the officers, managers, friends and above all of the superintendent and his workers is chiefly responsible for this result.

On November 14, 1916 we opened the reading and game rooms to the people of Peabody. From that day to the day of our closing the house has been completely filled by boys and girls, all enjoying a good time under pleasant healthful surroundings, and under the guidance of friendly helpers and workers.

On November 15 we gave a lunch to the visiting members of the New York Federation of Boys Clubs of which our chief adviser, Mr. Atkinson, is the Secretary.

On November 27 we purchased a Victrola for the house, which has made things merry ever since.

On November 27 we also started our Domestic Science and Physical Culture Classes. These were a success and continued to increase in value throughout the year.

We held a Christmas celebration, which also proved a most enjoyable occasion.

On January 2 we were given an instructor's talk by a speaker from the Lincoln House, Boston, which gave us further ideas in the conduct of a Community House, such as ours.

We supported the Greek Work by taking up the part formerly carried on by the Y. W. C. A., which repaid us in full and overflowing in the splendid May Festival, carried through by the Y. W. C. A. to a most successful outcome.

We held one forum meeting one Sunday in the Peabody Institute. This was well supported, and showed not only the need of further work along this line, but that such work would be well supported by the citizens of the city.

On March 5 our Gymnasium was opened to the boys and girls. The Gymnasium Committee had done their work well. The gymnasium was splendidly arranged and equipped and we found it fitted and ready for active use. It has been a busy place. Day after day, night after night it has been filled with people and with life. It has also been used as a place for dancing and social activities. We should be proud of our gymnasium. This year we should add both to the equipment and building if possible, so as to make it even better and more adapted to our larger work, with possibly a hall and bowling ally, as two of the new things to work for.